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1. Permission must be obtained to travel in the Communist-controlled Chin-Ch'a-Chi Border Region. A pass can be obtained from the political commissioner for the Region, YAO K'e-kuang (姚克剛). It is easier to obtain the permit if the traveler has some personal contact with YAO or with a person of similar position. One traveler who wished to go into the area had been a classmate of YAO's brother. Another traveler who obtained permission was going to see a relative who held a high post in the Mongolian People's Republic army in Ulan Bator.

2. From Peiping to Payin (113-37-42-36) the travelers went by automobile, but at Payin they had to change to horseback, as the road was too sandy and rough for motor travel. In the Communist-controlled villages between Peiping and Northern Chahar there were political supervisors and small groups of Chinese Communist troops.

3. At P'angchian (112-30-43-03) travel permits were inspected. North of P'angchian, the road is dangerous because of Mongolian bandits.

4. It is very difficult to cross the Inner Mongolian border into the Mongolian People's Republic because of the complete system of fortifications and sentries. Only with special arrangements such as those described in paragraph 1 can entry be made. The traveler with a relative in Ulan Bator obtained permission to travel from Dzamdin Süde (111-14-44-30) to Ulan Bator from a commanding officer of the Mongolian People's Republic army, who probably first telephoned the traveler's relative for authority to grant the permit.

5. It is not difficult for residents of the Mongolian People's Republic to go to the USSR. Many students go every year. Applications must be filed with detailed data on personal history, and approval must be given by Soviet officials. Permits can be obtained at Ulan Bator and at Jibhalanta (Miaissutai 96-49-47-45).

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